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Coin Collectors Mark Time Regarding 1943 Convention

For the first time in its 51 years of existence, officers of the American Numismatic Association reported last night the association, closing an annual convention, received no bids from its ranks for next year's meeting.

Ending a three-day business visit at the Hotel Netherland Plaza with their annual dinner and installation of officers last night, the numismatists instructed their Executive Committee that if the war ends before next July 1 the committee is empowered to select a suitable convention city. Otherwise a mere parliamentary formality must be substituted for the convention.

The 1944 convention is a different matter—Chicagoans offered a strong bid for that year's meeting, since they want congenial company from other cities when they celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their Chicago Coin Club.

The association voted to make a considerable contribution to the collection of scrap metal, though not by tossing away the metal which

is its principal interest—the rare and irreplaceable coins its members collect. The association owns its trade journal, the *Numismatist*, now 55 years old. Through those 55 years the magazine's plates of copper and other metals that were used only once or that outlived their usefulness have been saved. Now the association will contribute 90 per cent of these metallic "documents," hundreds of pounds of them, to the salvage organization at "The Numismatist's Home," Fredericksburg, Md.

New members elected to sit with three incumbents on the Board of Governors were Victor Chambers, Columbus, Ohio, and Henry E. Elrod, Houston, Texas. All incumbent officers had been unopposed for reelection.

Judge William E. Handley was toastmaster at the dinner, at which Milton Chase, WLW-WSAI radio commentator, was principal speaker. Among the guests were Mayor James G. Stewart and John J. Rowe, Cincinnati banker, himself a numismatist but last night officially representing the Red Cross, in whose interest he spoke briefly.